

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of January 28, 2011

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair
Elaine Martin, LHRC
Services
Jean Bohnhoff, LHRC Secretary
Stewart Prost, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Roseann Smith, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Nina Joyner, New Life Programs and Family Systems II
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
James Lassiter, Family Net
Thomasine Wray, Sarah's Place
April Liverman, Sarah's Place
Peggy Lidstrom, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-Turning Point
Monica C. Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Tracy Ferguson, LHRC
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth

Chairperson Kathleen Dring called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Tracy Ferguson called prior to the meeting and stated that she would not be present.

2011 Meeting Dates

Dr. Dring reviewed the 2011 meeting dates, which are April 22, July 22, and October 28, 2011.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Stewart Prost reported Patricia Bradby had resigned from the Office of Human Rights effective 12/03/10. Also, the Administrative Secretary Kathryn Ketch retired in December 2010. Thus, Mr. Prost and Mr. Reginald Daye are the only advocates in the Office for this region. As a result of the changes, Mr. Prost reminded all providers to fax incidents and allegations to the Office. If any provider has a question, Mr. Prost stated the voice mail is on and messages can be left and will be returned as soon as possible. Mr. Prost stated the Office would be filing the secretary position and the human rights advocate position, which is now a .5 Eastern State/.5 Central State full time position.

Mr. Prost reported that on 12/10/10, the State Human Rights Committee (SHRC) voted to implement bylaws and cooperative agreements between affiliates/providers. This Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) must agree upon the bylaws and cooperative agreements during the April 2011 meeting. Those signed agreements must be sent to the SHRC. Mr. Prost added since there is a moratorium on LHRCs, LHRCs can no longer decide how many affiliates are associated with a committee. The Office of Human Rights will assign affiliates to committees. Mr. Prost reminded everyone that mandated positions must be

maintained on all LHRCs. The mandated positions are two consumers and one healthcare provider. If a mandated position is not filled for several months, the LHRC will be required to merge with another LHRC. Also, LHRCs must maintain core functions and any functions outside of ensuring the protection of individual rights requires that the SHRC must be contacted in writing. In order to protect individual rights, the LHRCs are charged with permitting affiliations with providers, listening to complaints, conducting investigations as directed by the SHRC, receiving and reviewing restraint, seclusion and time out policies, reviewing capacity evaluations and policies and procedures that could jeopardize individual rights.

Mr. Prost also reviewed the LHRCs' secretary role and informed this committee that elections for officers must occur during the April 2011 meeting. Mr. Prost indicated the agenda for the future meetings must be posted on the website two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Finally, Mr. Prost reported that the online reporting system (CHRIS) should be available before June 2011. Providers will be required to input their reports quarterly into the system. This LHRC will decide if providers will attend this LHRCs meetings annually or more often.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 17 residents in the residential program and 3 students in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 56 clients in 7 intensive outpatient and substance abuse groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith reported they are currently serving 17 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Paramount Youth Services – No report. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Paramount Youth Services be moved to temporary affiliation. Chairperson Kathleen Dring will be sending Damon Sutton a letter informing him of their temporary affiliation and opportunity to explain his absence at the next LHRC meeting. At that time, Paramount Youth Services may be reinstated to permanent affiliation.
5. New Life – Nina Joyner reported Mary's House has 2 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Nina Joyner apologized for missing the last meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved that New Life and Family Systems II be reinstated to permanent affiliation.
6. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 68 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 22 clients receiving mental health support and 72 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. Ms. Joyner requested permanent

affiliation for the Day Treatment site at I.C. Norcorm High School in Portsmouth, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant permanent affiliation for I. C. Norcorm.

7. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 50 in-home clients and 46-day support clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues. He provided Mr. Prost and the committee with an updated address for VITO, Inc.
8. Family Net – James Lassiter reported they currently have 6 clients receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Peggy Lidstrom reported they are currently serving 10 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Sarah's Place- April Liverman reported they currently have no clients in their group home.
12. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Monica Manley reported 45 clients are receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
13. The Barry Robinson Center – The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to Licensing/Human Rights and special treatment procedure utilization.

Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-371 (A) for the purpose of reviewing The Barry Robinson Center's occurrence report.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated they made no recommendations regarding the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.